



**Upper Uwchlan Township  
Park & Recreation Board**

Minutes

January 27, 2009

6:30 pm

**In Attendance:** Elaine Benson, Secretary;; David Calvaresi, Chairman; Jack Carpenter, Member; Dan Driscoll, Member; Al Gaspari, Township Staff; Kris Kuzmick, Member; Robert Phillips, Member; Cruz Sigala, Resident; Simona Bonifacic, Resident; Mike Maher, GEYA; Lee Cummings, GEYA.

**Call to Order:** David called the meeting to Order at 6:37 pm.

David introduced Mike Maher and Lee Cummings from GEYA. Mike addressed the Park & Recreation Board regarding the recent fees for both the fields and the concession stand, what GEYA's responsibilities will be for the fields and what the Township responsibilities will be. These concerns were addressed as follows:

- Fees were assessed this year to help offset costs for maintenance to Hickory Park and that these fees will be used to further maintain and upkeep the fields in order to have nicer fields.
- The Park & Recreation Board has not decided on fees for the concession stand if it used by a "for-profit" business and will be used to pay for the utilities associated with the concession stand, such as water and electricity. It was noted that we will look into the costs and get back to GEYA within a week.
- David noted that each organization seems to be doing their own thing to the fields, it was agreed to have one central maintenance plan so work is coordinated and centralized. Al noted that he has discussed maintenance plans with a few companies and is putting together a RFP. However, each organization will be responsible for field work that is inherent to their particular sport, such as the infields. GEYA requested to look at the plans once they are received.
- GEYA noted weeds/brush are "eating up" baseballs-Al noted we will ask Public Works to cut back as much as possible. GEYA will do a punch list of items that will be forwarded to the Park & Recreation Board/Township.

GEYA thanked the Park & Recreation Board and noted they are more than willing to work with us.

**Re-Organization:**

Dan made a Motion seconded by David to appoint Elaine as Secretary. The Motion was passed.

Dan made a Motion, seconded by David, to appoint Bob Phillips as Chairman. The Motion was passed.

Dan made a Motion, seconded by David, to appoint Steve Beckman as the Vice-Chairman. The Motion was passed.

**Minutes:**

Bob made a Motion, seconded by Dan, to approve the Minutes of November 25, 2008. It was so moved.

**Reports on Committees:****1. DARC-**

The Board reviewed the December 30, 2008 Municipal Assessment for 2009 as submitted by DARC.

**2. Trails Committee-**

Bob noted that Don Carlson and Sheila Fleming had worked up a matrix regarding various development trails. The Park & Recreation would like to see some of the missing trail links connected. The Board also discussed plowing some of the trails to clear them of snow. A recommendation will be made to plow main trails but Al requested no chemicals be applied. A trails map will be highlighted to show the trails that will be plowed.

**3. Project Update-**

Al noted the following:

**TU1-**

Construction bids will be advertised in February

Bids to be awarded in March

Work can begin in spring so that we can seed by May 15

Hankin will be giving the Township topsoil and has it available for when it is needed.

**Fellowship Fields-**

This will be phased out over the next couple of years

In 2009, soil testing will be done, the mandated rain garden will be completed, a well is to be dug for the irrigation system, fields will be closed so that we can continue turf growth and mark all four fields.

Al will have an electrical engineer prepare a RFP for the lighting. This year underground work, such as the conduit, control panels and underground work will be done with the poles being installed in the summer of 2010. Dan noted there is new lighting technology expected in 2010-Al will look into this. Dan also suggested that perhaps we concentrate on one field per year doing ancillary work, such as bleachers.

**Unfinished Business:**

Elaine noted the Open Space Plan is being reviewed by the Chester County Planning Commission with adoption scheduled for the second Board of Supervisors meeting in March. A motion was made to accept the Plan and a recommendation to adopt will be to the Supervisors. Elaine noted the VPP grant reimbursement has been received.

The Board further defined the 2009 Community Events-Elaine will do a page for the newsletter noting these events.

Requests for the fields were acknowledged by the Board. The schedules will be finalized and letters of approvals will be sent. Upon receipt of the fees, a permit will be issued.

**New Business:**

Elaine noted the 2009 Park & Recreation Budget was approved as submitted.

David noted that there are two residents who expressed interest in joining the Board. Simona Bonifacic introduced herself to the Board and gave a little of her background and her interest in getting involved-Simona is also interested in the Historic Commission and will contact Gwen as to her intentions. Cruz Sigala introduced himself to the Board and also gave a little of his background and interest in getting involved with the Township.

Elaine noted that she received a (tentative) request from the Police Department that they would like to host a K-9 Field Competition on September 11 through the 13<sup>th</sup>. Elaine asked if this request was put in early enough, would Marsh Creek Eagles be able to schedule games around this weekend. A suggestion was made to use Fellowship Fields for this competition.

Elaine noted our dues have been paid to the PA Recreation & Park Society for our 2009 memberships.

**Announcements:**

Elaine noted she will be attending the DCNR Grant Workshop on February 26, 2009.

Elaine noted she was approved to attend one day at the PA Recreation & Park Society convention and is registered for three educational sessions.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to be discussed, Al made a Motion, seconded by Bob, to adjourn at 8:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Benson,  
Secretary